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SUBJECT: HEITMANN IN THE TIMES

SUMMARY: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR WALTER HEITMANN, IN A LETTER PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF AUGUST 14, REQUESTED SUPPORTING FACTS FOR ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN A LETTER THE TIMES PUBLISHED ON JULY 2 THAT HIGH-RANKING CHILEAN MILITARY HAD UNNUMBERED PANAMANIAN BANK ACCOUNTS AND WERE USING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN PRISON CAMPS.

1. JULY 2 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED AS FIRST LETTER UNDER TWO COLUMN CAPTION QUOTE ARMS FOR CHILE: A DOUBTFUL PROPOSITION UNQUOTE, A CRITICAL LETTER FROM HAYDEE SEIGER OF XENIA, OHIO WHICH, INTER ALIA, ALLEGED THAT TESTIMONY OF UNNAMED PANAMANIAN BANKERS ACCUSED HIGH-RANKING CHILEAN OFFICERS OF HAVING SWISS-TYPE BANK ACCOUNTS IN PANAMA. IN ADDITION, SEIGER ACCUSED GOC OF USING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN POLITICAL PRISON CAMPS AND FACILITIES FOR TORTURE AND OPPRESSION. SEIGER ALSO

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ACCUSED THE JUNTA OF LACK OF COMPETENCE IN ECONOMIC

MATTERS AND OF QUESTIONABLE HONESTY. THE LETTER CONCLUDED WITH SUPPORT FOR BOTH AN ARMS RACE FREEZE AS SUGGESTED BY PERUVIAN GENERAL VELASCO AND U.S. SUPPORT FOR CONSULTANTS TO PLAN CHILEAN ECONOMIC, AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR HEITMANN, IN A LETTER PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST 14 EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES UNDER THE CAPTION OF CHILEAN HONESTY QUOTE CATEGORICALLY REJECTED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE ALLEGATIONS UNQUOTE AND CHALLENGED SEIGER TO SUPPORT HER ASSERTIONS WITH NAMES OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY MISUSING OR DIVERTING FOREIGN AID FUNDS. HEITMANN DECLARED THAT SUBMISSION OF FACTS WILL RESULT IN AN INVESTIGATION; FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE ALLEGATIONS, HE SAID, WOULD BE AN ADMISSION THAT THE CHARGES ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND UNFOUNDED.

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